

Listing of Claims:

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1. (Currently amended) A personal watercraft comprising:

a body formed by a hull and a deck covering the hull from above, the body having an engine room defined by the hull and the deck;
an engine accommodated in the engine room;
a water jet pump disposed rearward of the engine in a longitudinal direction of the body and configured to be driven by the engine;
an engine for driving the water jet pump; and
a mechanically driven supercharger provided ~~independently of the engine~~ spaced apart from the engine and configured to draw air taken in from ~~the engine room~~ outside to the engine, wherein
the supercharger is mounted to the body within the engine room.

2. (Currently amended) The personal watercraft according to Claim 1, further comprising:

~~an air-intake box configured to temporarily store the air to be drawn to the engine, provided within the engine room and having an inner space communicating with the engine room, the air-intake box being configured to store the air to be drawn to the engine,~~

wherein the supercharger is contained within the air-intake box, and configured to
suction air within the engine room through the inner space within the air-intake box.

3. (Currently amended) The personal watercraft according to Claim 1, wherein the
supercharger is placed rearward of the engine in a longitudinal direction of the body, the
personal watercraft further comprising:

a transmission shaft mechanism configured to transmit power of an output shaft of the
engine to the a pump shaft of the water jet pump, the transmission mechanism including a
transmission shaft connected to the pump shaft and a coupling means configured to couple
the output shaft of the engine to the transmission shaft; and, wherein

the supercharger is driven in cooperation with rotation of the transmission shaft
a drive mechanism associated with the supercharger, the drive mechanism being
configured to connect the supercharger and the transmission mechanism to allow power to
be transmitted between the supercharger and the transmission mechanism.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) The personal watercraft according to Claim 1, wherein the
engine is placed such that a crankshaft thereof extends along a longitudinal direction of the
watercraft, and has an extended shaft which is extended forward from the crankshaft so as to
rotate in cooperation with the crankshaft, and the supercharger is placed forward of the engine in
the longitudinal direction and driven in cooperation with rotation of connected to the extended
shaft through a drive mechanism of the supercharger, the supercharger being configured to

be driven by power transmitted from the extended shaft through the drive mechanism.

6. (Currently amended) The personal watercraft according to Claim 3, wherein the supercharger has a rotor shaft for driving a built-in rotor of the supercharger, the rotor shaft is placed to extend substantially in parallel with the transmission shaft, and **the drive mechanism includes pulleys respectively provided on the shafts and a belt installed around the pulleys, through which** the rotor shaft and the transmission shaft are connected to each other ~~through pulleys respectively provided on the shafts and a belt installed around the pulleys.~~

7. (Currently amended) The personal watercraft according to Claim 3, wherein the supercharger has a rotor shaft for driving a built-in rotor of the supercharger, the rotor shaft is placed to extend substantially in parallel with the transmission shaft, and **the drive mechanism includes sprockets respectively provided on the shafts and a chain installed around the sprockets, though which** the rotor shaft and the transmission shaft are connected to each other ~~through sprockets respectively provided on the shafts and a chain installed around the sprockets.~~

8. (Currently amended) The personal watercraft according to Claim 3, further comprising:

~~a coupling means configured to couple an output shaft of the engine to a pump shaft of the water jet pump, wherein~~

~~the supercharger has a rotor shaft for driving a built-in rotor of the supercharger, the rotor shaft is placed to extend substantially in parallel with the transmission shaft, provided with a driven pulley at an end portion thereof, and a drive pulley is provided integrally on the coupling~~

~~means, the driven pulley on the rotor shaft being connected to the drive pulley on the coupling means through a belt~~

the drive mechanism includes a driven pulley provided at an end portion of the rotor shaft, a drive pulley provided integrally with on the coupling means, and a belt installed around the pulleys, through which the rotor shaft and the transmission mechanism are connected to each other.

9. (Currently amended) The personal watercraft according to Claim 3, further comprising:

a coupling means configured to couple an output shaft of the engine to a pump shaft of the water jet pump, wherein

the supercharger has a rotor shaft for driving a built-in rotor of the supercharger, the rotor shaft is provided with a driven sprocket at an end portion thereof, and a drive sprocket is provided integrally on the coupling means, ~~the driven sprocket on the rotor shaft being connected to the drive sprocket on the coupling means through a chain placed to extend substantially in parallel with the transmission shaft.~~

the drive mechanism includes a driven sprocket provided at an end portion of the rotor shaft, and a drive sprocket provided integrally with the coupling means, and a chain installed around the drive sprocket and driven sprocket, through which the rotor shaft and the transmission mechanism are connected to each other.

10. (Currently amended) The personal watercraft according to Claim 3, further comprising a shaft casing that covers part of the transmission shaft within [[an]] the engine room

of the watercraft, the shaft casing being extended from an inner wall face of the hull so as to enclose the transmission shaft,

wherein the supercharger is placed on the shaft casing such that a rotational shaft of the supercharger is parallel with the transmission shaft.

11. (Original) The personal watercraft according to Claim 1, wherein the engine is a four-cycle engine.